



West Midlands
Interchange

Four Ashes Ltd

Section 55 Acceptance of Applications

Section 55 Application Checklist¹

Section 55(2) Acceptance of Applications				
1	Within 28 days (starting day after receipt) the Secretary of State must decide whether or not to accept the application.	Date received	28 day due date	Date of decision
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Section 55(3) – the Secretary of State may only accept an application if the Secretary of State concludes that:-		Planning Inspectorate Comments		
s55(3)(a) and s55(3)(c) It is an application for an order granting development consent				
2	<p>Is the development a nationally significant infrastructure project² (NSIP) (or does it form part of an NSIP); and does the application state on the face of it that it is an application for a development consent order³ (DCO) under the Planning Act 2008 (the PA2008), or equivalent words? Does the application specify the development to which it relates ie which category or categories in ss14-30 does the application scheme fall)?</p> <p>If the development does not fall within the categories in ss14-30, has a direction been given by the Secretary of State under s35 of the PA2008 for the development to be treated as development for which development consent is required?</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>Schedule 1 of the draft Development Consent Order (Doc 3.2) sets out the proposed development which is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) falling within the categories in sections 14 and 26 of the Planning Act 2008.</p> <p>This is also summarised in Section 4 of the Application Form (Doc 1.1) which states:</p> <p><i>"The application is for a Development Consent Order ("DCO") under the Planning Act 2008 ("the Act") to enable the Applicant to construct a nationally significant infrastructure project ("NSIP") (as defined in s.14(1)(I) of the Act), being a Rail Freight Interchange under s.14(1)(I) and meeting the criteria contained in s.26.</i></p> <p><i>As the proposed Rail Freight Interchange is an NSIP, an application for a DCO must be made as provided for in s.37 of the Act. This application includes associated development which complies with s.115(2) and (3) of the Act."</i></p> <p>The Explanatory Memorandum (Doc 3.2) explains at Paragraph 2 how the development meets the criteria of an NSIP.</p>		

¹ References in this document to the Secretary of State include references (where applicable) to the Planning Inspectorate Major Casework Directorate which carries out functions related to consenting nationally significant infrastructure projects on behalf of the Secretary of State

² NSIP is defined generally in s14 with the detailed thresholds for each of the specified categories being set out in ss15-30

³ Development consent is required for development to the extent that the development is or forms part of an NSIP (s31 of the PA2008)

3	Summary s55(3)(a) and s55(3)(c)	<i>Review and conclude based on evidence provided above.</i>
S55(3)(e) The applicant in relation to the application made has complied with Chapter 2 of Part 5 (pre-application procedure)		
4	In accordance with the EIA Regulations ⁴ , did the applicant (prior to carrying out consultation in accordance with s42) either (a) request the Secretary of State to adopt a screening opinion in respect of the development to which the application relates, or (b) notify the Secretary of State in writing that it proposed to provide an environmental statement in respect of that development?	<p>(a) No. The Applicant did not request a screening opinion in respect of the development.</p> <p>(b) Yes. The applicant notified the Secretary of State on 15 September 2016 under Regulation 6(1)(b) of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009 that it intended to provide an environmental statement with the application.</p> <p>The Applicant submitted a Scoping Report to the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the applicant on 15 September 2016 details of which are contained in Section 1 of the Scoping Opinion (Doc 6.1). The statutory consultation was carried out after the EIA Regulation 8 Scoping Report was submitted and the Scoping Opinion was received.</p>
5	Have any adequacy of consultation representations ⁵ been received from "A", "B", "C" and "D" authorities; and if so do they confirm that the applicant has complied with the duties under s42, s47 and s48?	The status of Local Authorities in the area of the application site is set out in paragraphs 6.3.8 – 6.3.15 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1) , see also Appendix C of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1) .
s42: Duty to Consult		
	Did the applicant consult the applicable persons set out in s42 of the PA2008 about the proposed application?	
6	S42(1)(a) persons prescribed ⁶ ?	<p>Yes.</p> <p>Chapter 6 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1) details the statutory consultation undertaken by the applicant under section 42 (known as the "Stage 2 Consultation", which followed the informal, non-statutory "Stage 1" Consultation, as explained in Chapter 5 of the Consultation Report).</p> <p>The prescribed consultees can be found in the list of section 42 consultees at Appendix C of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1). See Consultation Report (see also Chapter</p>

⁴ Regulation 8 of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (2017 EIA Regulations), or Regulation 6 of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009 (2009 EIA Regulations) (where Regulation 37 of the 2017 EIA Regulations applies).

⁵ S55(4) of the PA2008 provides that the Secretary of State must have regard to the consultation report, and any adequacy of consultation representations received

⁶ Statutory consultees set out in Schedule 1 of The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009

		<p>6.0, paragraphs 6.3.1 – 6.3.4 in respect of the identification of the prescribed consultees).</p> <p>The applicant also carried out a further consultation (“the Stage 2a Consultation”). Paragraph 13.3 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1) confirms that the same prescribed consultees were consulted as part of that exercise.</p>
7	S42(1)(aa) the Marine Management Organisation ⁷ ?	No – Not Applicable.
8	S42(1)(b) each local authority within s43 ⁸ ?	<p>Yes. See Consultation Report (Doc 5.1) Chapter 6.0, paragraphs 6.3.8 – 6.3.15 and Appendix C to the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1).</p> <p>The application site is within the administrative area of South Staffordshire District Council – this is the “B” authority for the purposes of section 43.</p> <p>The upper-tier County Council (the “C” authority for the purposes of section 43) for the site is Staffordshire County Council.</p> <p>The following Councils share a boundary with South Staffordshire District Council and are therefore “A” authorities for the purposes of section 43:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stafford Borough Council; • Cannock Chase District Council; • Walsall Council; • City of Wolverhampton Council; • Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council; • Bromsgrove District Council; • Wyre Forest District Council; • Shropshire Council; and • Telford and Wrekin Council.

⁷ In any case where the proposed development would affect, or would be likely to affect, any of the areas specified in s42(2) of the PA2008

⁸ Definition of “local authority” in s43(3): The “**B**” authority where the application land is in the authority’s area; the “**A**” authority where any part of the boundary of A’s area is also a part of the boundary of B’s area; the “**C**” authority (upper tier) where the application land is in that authority’s area; the “**D**” authority where such an authority shares a boundary with a “**C**” authority

		<p>The following Councils are unitary or upper tier County Councils which share a boundary with Staffordshire County Council, and are therefore “D” authorities for the purposes of section 43:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leicestershire County Council; • Derbyshire County Council; • Cheshire East Council; • Stoke-on-Trent City Council; • Warwickshire County Council; • Worcestershire County Council; • Birmingham City Council; • Peak District National Park Authority; and • West Midlands Combined Authority. <p>The Consultation Report (Doc 5.1) (at paragraph 6.3.13) explains that a stage 2 consultation letter did not reach Stoke-on-Trent City Council and that, upon realising it, the applicant immediately contacted Stoke-on-Trent City Council and held a meeting with the Council on 28 November 2017 to explain the proposed development and ask for any feedback. The applicant confirms that it ensured the Council was given more than the statutory minimum period of 28 days to provide any feedback.</p> <p>Paragraph 13.3.1 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1) confirms that the s43 local authorities were also consulted as part of the Stage 2a consultation.</p>
9	S42(1)(c) the Greater London Authority (if in Greater London area)?	No – Not Applicable.
10	S42(1)(d) each person in one or more of s44 categories ⁹ ?	<p>Yes. See Consultation Report (Doc 5.1) Chapter 6.0, paragraphs 6.3.16 – 6.3.19 and Appendix C.</p> <p>Paragraph 6.3.19 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1) explains that the applicant also erected a number of site notices around the site where it had been ascertained that there were interests in the site where the beneficiary of such interests was unknown.</p>

⁹ Category 1: owner, lessee, tenant or occupier of land; Category 2: person interested in the land or has power to sell and convey the land or to release the land; Category 3: person entitled to make a relevant claim. There is no requirement to check the accuracy of the list(s) or whether the applicant has made diligent inquiry

		Copies of these notices are contained in Appendix D of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1) .
s45: Timetable for s42 Consultation		
11	Did the applicant notify s42 consultees of the deadline for receipt of consultation responses; and if so was the deadline notified by the applicant 28 days or more starting with the day after receipt of the consultation documents?	Yes. The s.42 consultees were notified that consultation started on 5 July 2017 and that the deadline for responses was 30 August 2017 (being more than the minimum 28 day period required under section 45(2) for the receipt of comments). See Consultation Report Chapter 6.0, paragraph 6.4 and Appendix F of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1) .
s46: Duty to notify Secretary of State of proposed application		
12	Did the applicant supply information to notify the Secretary of State of the proposed application; and if so was the information supplied to the Secretary of State on or before the date it was sent to the s42 consultees? Was this done on or before commencing consultation under s42?	Yes. The applicant wrote to the Planning Inspectorate on 3 July 2017 setting out its intention under s.46 to submit an application for a DCO. This was before the applicant wrote to the s.42 consultees (4 July 2017), and before the commencement of consultation under s.42 (consultation was due to commence on 5 July 2017). A copy of the s.46 letter is produced as Appendix I of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1) .
s47: Duty to consult local community		
13	Did the applicant prepare a Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) on how it intended to consult people living in the vicinity of the land?	Yes. Full details of the consultation process regarding the SoCC is contained in Chapter 7 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1) . A copy of the final SoCC is produced at Appendix K of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1) .
14	Were "B" and (where relevant) "C" authorities consulted about the content of the SoCC; and if so was the deadline for receipt of responses 28 days beginning with the day after the day that "B" and (where applicable) "C" authorities received the consultation documents?	Yes. Paragraph 7.4 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1) sets out the consultation process which was undertaken with South Staffordshire District Council (the relevant "B" authority) and South Staffordshire County Council (the relevant "C" authority). The applicant sent the draft SoCC to South Staffordshire District Council and Staffordshire County Council on 10 May 2017 and requested that the local authorities return responses

		by 9 June 2017 (in excess of the minimum 28 period required by section 47(3) of the Act).
15	Has the applicant had regard to any responses received when preparing the SoCC?	Yes. Tables 6 and 7 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1) explain the regard the applicant had to the local authorities' comments on the draft SoCC.
16	Has the SoCC been made available for inspection in a way that is reasonably convenient for people living in the vicinity of the land; and has a notice been published in a newspaper circulating in the vicinity of the land which states where and when the SoCC can be inspected?	Yes. See Consultation Report (Doc 5.1) Chapter 7.0 paragraphs 7.5.1 – 7.5.3 which confirm that the SoCC was made available on the project website and for review at three local venues – Penkridge Library, Brewood Library and South Staffordshire District Council's Offices at Codsall. The SoCC was also displayed and made available for viewing at the locations and on the dates and times listed in Table 8 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1) . A notice (a copy of which is contained in Appendix L) was published in three regional papers (the Birmingham Mail, the Express and Start and the Staffordshire Newsletter) on 21 June 2017 explaining where the SoCC could be viewed.
17	Does the SoCC set out whether the development is EIA development ¹⁰ ; and does it set out how the applicant intends to publicise and consult on the preliminary environmental information?	Yes , the SoCC states that the scheme is EIA development and explains that preliminary environmental information will be available as part of the Stage 2 consultation, and details how that consultation will be undertaken. See Appendix K of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1) .
18	Has the applicant carried out the consultation in accordance with the SoCC?	Yes , the applicant carried out the consultation in accordance with the SoCC. See Chapter 8.0 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1) . See also Appendix M of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1) which sets out how the SoCC was adhered to.
s48: Duty to publicise the proposed application		
19	Did the applicant publicise the proposed application, under s48, in the prescribed manner set out in Regulation 4(2) of The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009?	Yes. The applicant explains the s48 publicity in Chapter 9 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1) as set out below.

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Regulation 12 of the 2017 EIA Regulations, or Regulation 10 of the 2009 EIA Regulations (where Regulation 37 of the 2017 EIA Regulations applies).

		Newspaper(s)	Date
	for at least two successive weeks in one or more local newspapers circulating in the vicinity in which the proposed development would be situated;	<p>The Consultation Report (Doc 5.1). (Chapter 9, paragraph 9.2.5, Table 10) confirms that copies of the s48 notices were published in the following newspapers for two successive weeks on 5 July and 12 July 2017:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birmingham Mail (regional) • The Express and Star (regional) • Staffordshire Newsletter (regional) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birmingham Mail (regional) • The Express and Star (regional) • Staffordshire Newsletter (regional) <p>Copies of the published notices are contained within Appendix G.</p>	<p>5 July 2017</p> <p>12 July 2017</p>
	once in a national newspaper;	<p>The Consultation Report (Doc 5.1). (Chapter 9, paragraph 9.2.5, Table 10) confirms that copies of the s48 notices were published in The Times on 5 July:</p> <p>A copy of the published notice is contained within Appendix G of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)..</p>	5 July 2017
	once in the London Gazette and, if land in Scotland is affected, the Edinburgh Gazette; and	<p>The Consultation Report (Doc 5.1). (Chapter 9, paragraph 9.2.5, Table 10) confirms that copies of the s48 notices were published in The London Gazette on 5 July:</p> <p>A copy of the notice is contained within Appendix G of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1).</p>	5 July 2017
	where the proposed application relates to offshore development – (i) once in Lloyds List; and (ii) once in an appropriate fishing trade journal?	Not Applicable.	
20	Did the s48 notice include the required information set out in Regulation 4(3) of APFP Regulations?	<p>Yes.</p> <p>Copies of the published s48 notices (contained within Appendix G of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)) contain the required information as set out below:</p>	

	Information	Paragraph		Information	Paragraph
a)	The name and address of the applicant.	Paragraph 1	b)	a statement that the applicant intends to make an application for development consent to the Secretary of State	Paragraph 1
c)	a statement as to whether the application is EIA development	Paragraph 2	d)	a summary of the main proposals, specifying the location or route of the proposed development	Paragraph 3
e)	a statement that the documents, plans and maps showing the nature and location of the proposed development are available for inspection free of charge at the places (including at least one address in the vicinity of the proposed development) and times set out in the notice	Paragraph 4	f)	the latest date on which those documents, plans and maps will be available for inspection	Paragraph 5
g)	whether a charge will be made for copies of any of the documents, plans or maps and the amount of any charge	Paragraph 5	h)	details of how to respond to the publicity	Paragraph 6
i)	a deadline for receipt of those responses by the applicant, being not less than 28 days following the date when the notice is last published	Paragraph 6			
21	Are there any observations in respect of the s48 notice provided above?				
	<i>If there are any concerns in particularly about the s48 notice, they will be noted here.</i>				
22	Has a copy of the s48 notice been sent to the EIA consultation bodies and to any person notified to the applicant in accordance with the EIA Regulations ¹¹ ?	<p>Yes.</p> <p>Paragraph 6.4.2 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1) confirms that a copy of the s.48 Notice was enclosed with the s.42 letter and sent to all s.42, s.43 and s.44 consultees. See example s.42 letter in Appendix F of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1) which refers to the enclosure of the s48 notice.</p>			
s49: Duty to take account of responses to consultation and publicity					

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Regulation 13 of the 2017 EIA Regulations, or Regulation 11 of the 2009 EIA Regulations (where Regulation 37 of the 2017 EIA Regulations applies).

23	Has the applicant had regard to any relevant responses to the s42, s47 and s48 consultation?	<p>Yes.</p> <p>An outline of the issues raised during the consultation process together with details of the applicant's response (together with tables summarising the issue and the applicant's regard to those relevant responses) to those issues is set out in Chapter 10 (s42), Chapter 11 (s47) and Chapter 12 (s48) of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1).</p> <p>Chapter 14 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1) also sets out responses received as part of the Stage 2a consultation and how the applicant has had regard to those.</p>
Guidance about pre-application procedure		
24	To what extent has the applicant had regard to DCLG guidance 'The Planning Act 2008: Guidance on the pre-application process' ¹² ?	<p>Appendix A of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1) contains a table detailing how the applicant has complied with the pre-application guidance.</p> <p>The pre-application guidance refers to the pre-application process and encapsulates the frontloaded nature of the consultation which should be carried out. The Consultation Report (Doc 5.1) provides full details of the statutory and non-statutory consultation carried out which has been in accordance with the guidance.</p> <p>In summary, and as advised by paragraphs (18 to 25 of the guidance):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - there has been early engagement with the community with appropriately clear and accessible information on the scheme - there has early engagement with relevant technical agencies - there has been full compliance with the regulations relating to the Statement of Community Consultation and notices. <p>The persons/bodies who have been consulted complies with paragraphs 26 to 59. There has been an appropriate level of engagement with the local community and persons interested in the land. Discussions have taken place regularly with the relevant local authorities and discussions have also progressed with all relevant agencies with regard to statements of common ground.</p> <p>Three consultations were undertaken. The normal scheme evolution took place between the first two consultations and the third consultation then dealt with some specific scheme changes. The level of consultation that has taken place is consistent with the guidance in paragraphs 68 to 77.</p> <p>The Consultation Report (Doc 5.1) follows the guidance in paragraphs 78 to 84.</p>

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The Secretary of State must have regard to the extent to which the applicant has had regard to guidance issued under s50

		<p>The advice in relation to EIA and related matters contained in paragraphs 90 to 96 and 107 to 113. has been followed with an appropriate level of Preliminary Environmental Information being available at the various stages of consultation and the Rochdale Envelope approach being utilised.</p> <p>A draft Development Consent Order was one of the documents included for consultation. It is drafted in compliance with the guidance in paragraphs 97 to 106.</p>
25	25 Summary - s55(3)(e)	<i>Review and conclude based on evidence provided above.</i>
<p>s55(3)(f) and s55(5A) The application (including accompaniments) achieves a satisfactory standard having regard to the Section 55 Acceptance of Applications Checklist November 2017 10 extent to which it complies with section 37(3) (form and contents of application) and with any standards set under section 37(5) and follows any applicable guidance under section 37(4)</p>		
26	<p>Is it made in the prescribed form as set out in Schedule 2 of the APFP Regulations, and does it include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a brief statement which explains why it falls within the remit of the Secretary of State; and • a brief statement that clearly identifies the location of the application site, or the route if it is a linear scheme? 	<p>Yes.</p> <p>Section 4 of the Application Form (Doc 1.1) explains why the development falls within the remit of the Secretary of State.</p> <p>The application site is described in Section 5 of the Application Form (Doc 1.1), and Section 6 provides the location. An Order Limits and Parish Boundaries Plan (Doc 2.4) has also been provided.</p>
27	Is it accompanied by a consultation report?	The application is accompanied by a Consultation Report (Doc 5.1) and its associated Appendices (A-R) .
28	Where a plan comprises three or more separate sheets has a key plan been provided showing the relationship between the different sheets? ¹³	Yes.
29	Is it accompanied by the documents and information set out in APFP Regulation 5(2)?	Yes. The documents and information required by APFP Regulation 5(2) are set out in the documents and locations within the application as listed below:

Information		Document	Information		Document
a)	Where applicable, the environmental statement required under the EIA Regulations ¹⁴ and any scoping or screening opinions or directions	Doc 6.2	b)	The draft proposed order	Doc 3.1
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?			Is this of a satisfactory standard?	
c)	An explanatory memorandum explaining the purpose and effect of provisions in the draft order	Doc 3.2	d)	Where applicable, a book of reference (where the application involves any compulsory acquisition)	Doc Ref 4.3
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?			Is this of a satisfactory standard?	
e)	A copy of any flood risk assessment	Doc 6.2 Appendix 16.1	f)	A statement whether the proposal engages one or more of the matters set out in section 79(1) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 (statutory nuisances) and if so how the applicant proposes to mitigate or limit them	Doc 5.2
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?			Is this of a satisfactory standard?	
h)	A statement of reasons and a funding statement (where the application involves any compulsory acquisition)	Doc 4.1 (Statement of Reasons) Doc 4.2 (Funding Statement)	i)	A land plan identifying: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the land required for, or affected by, the proposed development; (ii) where applicable, any land over which it is proposed to exercise powers of compulsory acquisition or any rights to use land; 	Doc Series 2.1

¹⁴ The 2017 EIA Regulations, or the 2009 EIA Regulations (where Regulation 37 of the 2017 EIA Regulations applies)

				(iii) any land in relation to which it is proposed to extinguish easements, servitudes and other private rights; and (iv) any special category land and replacement land	
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?			Is this of a satisfactory standard?	
j)	A works plan showing, in relation to existing features:- (i) the proposed location or (for a linear scheme) the proposed route and alignment of the development and works; and (ii) the limits within which the development and works may be carried out and any limits of deviation provided for in the draft order	Doc Series 2.2	k)	Where applicable, a plan identifying any new or altered means of access, stopping up of streets or roads or any diversions, extinguishments or creation of rights of way or public rights of navigation	Doc Series 2.3
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?			Is this of a satisfactory standard?	
l)	Where applicable, a plan with accompanying information identifying:- (i) any statutory/non-statutory sites or features of nature conservation eg sites of geological/ landscape importance; (ii) habitats of protected species, important habitats or other diversity features; and	(i) Chapter 10 and Technical Appendix 10.1 of the Environmental Statement (Doc 6.2) (ii) Chapter 10 and Technical Appendix 10.1 of the	m)	Where applicable, a plan with accompanying information identifying any statutory/non-statutory sites or features of the historic environment, (eg scheduled monuments, World Heritage sites, listed buildings, archaeological sites and registered battlefields) together with an assessment of any effects on such sites, features or structures likely to be caused by the proposed development	Chapter 9 and Technical Appendix 9.2 of the Environmental Statement (Doc 6.2)

	(iii) water bodies in a river basin management plan, together with an assessment of any effects on such sites, features, habitats or bodies likely to be caused by the proposed development	Environmental Statement (Doc 6.2) (iii) Technical Appendix 16.2 of the Environmental Statement (Doc 6.2)			
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?			Is this of a satisfactory standard?	
n)	Where applicable, a plan with any accompanying information identifying any Crown land	N/A – there is no Crown land within the Order Limits and therefore no plans are provided	o)	Any other plans, drawings and sections necessary to describe the development consent proposal showing details of design, external appearance, and the preferred layout of buildings/structures, drainage, surface water management, means of vehicular and pedestrian access, any car parking and landscaping	Doc 2.4 (Order Limits and Parish Boundaries Plan) Doc Series 2.5 (Parameter Plan – Development Zones) Doc Series 2.6 (Parameter Plan – Floor Levels & Height) Doc Series 2.7 (Parameter Plan – Green Infrastructure) Doc Series 2.8 (Illustrative Masterplan) Doc Series 2.9 (Highway General Arrangement Plans) Doc Series 2.10 (Future Highway Maintenance Plans)

				<p>Doc Series 2.11 (Traffic Regulation Plans)</p> <p>Doc Series 2.12 (Speed Limits Plans)</p> <p>Doc Series 2.13 (Highway Classification Plans)</p> <p>Doc 2.14 (Rail interchange illustrative general arrangement)</p> <p>Doc 2.15A – 2.15B (Rail interchange illustrative layouts)</p> <p>Doc 2.16A – 2.16D (Rail Sections)</p> <p>Doc 2.17 (Proposed Bridge Location Plan)</p> <p>Doc 2.18A – 2.18D (Proposed Bridge Plans)</p>
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?			Are they of a satisfactory standard?
p)	Any of the documents prescribed by Regulation 6 of the APFP Regulations:	N/A	q)	Any other documents considered necessary to support the application.
				<p>Doc 6.3 (Environmental Statement – Non Technical Summary)</p> <p>Doc 7.1A (Planning Statement)</p> <p>Doc 7.1B (Statement of Economic Benefits)</p>

				<p>Doc 7.2 (Alternative Sites Assessment)</p> <p>Doc 7.3 (Rail Operations Report)</p> <p>Doc 7.4 (Market Assessment)</p> <p>Doc 7.5 (Design and Access Statement)</p> <p>Doc 7.6 Mitigation Route Map</p> <p>Doc 7.7A (Draft Development Consent Obligations)</p> <p>Doc 7.7B (Draft Bird Mitigation Obligation)</p> <p>Doc 7.8 Existing Highways Orders</p>
	Are they of a satisfactory standard?		Are they of a satisfactory standard?	
30	Are there any observations in respect of the documents provided above?			
31	Is the application accompanied by a report identifying any European site(s) to which regulation 48 of the Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.) Regulations 1994 applies; or any Ramsar site(s), which may be affected by the proposed development, together with sufficient information that will enable the Secretary of State to make an		<p>Yes.</p> <p>The application is accompanied by a Habitats Regulation Assessment – No Significant Effects Report (Doc 5.3).</p>	

	appropriate assessment of the implications for the site if required by regulation 48(1)? ¹⁵	
32	If requested by the Secretary of State, two paper copies of the application form and other supporting documents and plans ¹⁶	The applicant has been asked to provide one paper copy and 6 electronic copies . The copies are identical except that only one electronic copy of a confidential badger report has been provided.
33	Has the applicant had regard to DCLG guidance 'Planning Act 2008: Application form guidance', and has this regard led to the application being prepared to a standard that the Secretary of State considers satisfactory?	Yes. The applicant believes it has followed the DCLG Guidance in relation to the Application Form.
34	Summary - s55(3)(f) and s55(5A)	<i>Review and conclude based on evidence provided above. State whether the application has been prepared to a standard that the Secretary of State considers satisfactory.</i>
The Infrastructure Planning (Fees) Regulations 2010 (SI106)		
Fees to accompany an application		
35	Was the fee paid at the same time that the application was made ¹⁷ ?	The application fee was paid by Four Ashes Limited by bank transfer on 24 July 2018 .

Electronic Signature	Name	Date
Date Case Leader		
Acceptance Inspector		

¹⁵ Regulation 5(2)(g) of The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009

¹⁶ Regulation 5(2)(r) of The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009

¹⁷ The Secretary of State must charge the applicant a fee in respect of the decision by the Secretary of State under section 55. If the applicant fails to pay the fee, the Secretary of State need not consider the application until payment is received by the Secretary of State. The fee must be paid at the same time that the application is made.

